

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING  
KEY SCHOOL IN PERSON & VIRTUAL  
March 9, 2023**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Anderson, Mike Wurst, Claire Corcoran, Adam Blugis, Kevin Green (Absent: Ray Sullivan, Christian Elkington, Timothy Cantor, Maureen Sherer, Steve Vanderbosch, Gene Gross)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Jean Somers

**GUESTS:** Sandy Anderson, Jackie Allison, Jo Young, Robin Clark, Tom Schwallenberg, Helene Raven

**GUESTS JOINING VIRTUALLY:** Terry Conroy, Heather ?, Anne Schrott, Andy Aura

Tom Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**MINUTES:** No quorum. Minutes to be approved at the May General Meeting.

**OPENING COMMENTS:** Tom Anderson welcomed everyone to the March General meeting and introduced himself. Tom invited everyone to come to all General meetings moving forward.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Claire Corcoran reported as follows:

1. **Security:** We are working on an RFP for a new security company.
2. **Zoning:** This is a widespread issue in our community. The County has followed up on some issues. Claire has been in communication with the new County Zoning Officer and is hoping to have a good working relationship with him. We have issues with large equipment, debris, trash, etc. Claire mentioned a proposed ADU bill where new structures could be built on properties that already have a single-family dwelling. Tom Anderson mentioned our 15-foot sideline setbacks that are different than the County setbacks. Jo Young was recognized and had a question about the setbacks for sheds. Tom Anderson answered that the Board is in discussion regarding this and will report back to Jo.
3. **Roads** – we have a County schedule for road resurfacing for the entire community through the next six years.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gene Gross not present. As of January 30, 2023, we have \$412,012.48 in the Operating Checking Account, \$400,477.73 in the Money Market Accounts, for a total of \$812,490.21 in the Operating Account; \$467,891.82 in the Special Tax Checking Account; for a grand total of \$1,280,382.03.

**SECRETARY:** Mike Wurst reported that we are working on a soft release of a Hillsmere Facebook page for informational purposes only. It will be a public group that anyone can join.

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Jean Somers reported that the Sock Burning is scheduled for March 19, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This will be a non-alcoholic event. Jean is continuing to process incoming membership payments, piers & harbor payments, and pool payments. Helene Raven mentioned she is looking for a volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Memorial Day event. Any resident that is looking to request events needs to submit a written report and attend a meeting.

**POOL:** Nothing to report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Kevin Green mentioned we are looking for volunteers to draw samples for bacteria monitoring and testing at the beach and marina.

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Tom Anderson reported that the job description is done and we will get that out for anyone to apply.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:** Jean Somers reported that we have the paperwork from MDE for mosquito control for the Board to vote on at the next Board Meeting. Jean asked Tom Anderson to request Ray Sullivan, Mosquito Control Chair, be prepared with alternatives to present to the Board in lieu of the MDE Mosquito Spraying Program.

**COMMUNITY HOUSE:** Tom Schwallenberg is working on plans for the interior renovation of the community house. We are in the drawing phase.

**PERMITS:** Tom Anderson reported that two requests have been approved for 2023 as of today – a porch extension and a fence.

**BEACH:** Maureen Sherer not present, but submitted as follows:

1. The Maryland Board of Public Works has issued the Wetlands License for the beach nourishment (sand replenishment) at the sheltered swim area. This is a significant milestone in a detailed process. The application involved multiple plan drawings, site photographs, and site data such as fetch and water depth. We submitted the application to the Maryland Department of the Environment in July, 2022. The application was then reviewed by several government agencies prior to the issuance of the permit.
2. The playground suspension bridge has been repaired by Phil Jones and Tommy Grierson, at about \$450 under budget.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tom Anderson reported as follows:

1. Grounds Maintenance – we extended the current grounds maintenance contract for 1 year. Next year we will competitively source that out.
2. PODS/Dumpsters – there are many unsightly PODS and trash dumpsters in our community. Residents will be receiving letters asking for PODS and dumpsters to be removed. The County allows PODS/dumpsters for 60 days.
3. Deer Hunt Letter – we will be requesting another controlled deer hunt.
4. RFP for security services – we are working on an RFP for a new security company.

**RESIDENT ISSUES:**

1. Sandy Anderson asked about Dumpster Days. Jean Somers is checking with the County to see if there is a possibility of being added back to the Dumpster Days schedule. We were taken off last year when the Board declined Dumpster Days for 2022. If we can be added to the 2023 schedule, the Board can then vote on whether to accept Dumpster Days for 2023. Sandy Anderson also asked about Household Hazardous Waste drop off days – the next one is scheduled for March 25 on Riva Road. Sandy would like us to advertise this. We will send out a community email and put it in the Sea Breeze moving forward with a schedule of dates for Hazardous Waste drop off. Sandy Anderson mentioned that she purchases a boat ramp key every year for her son to come to Hillsmere and launch his boat, but she is told that her son has to park outside of the boat ramp parking lot. Discussion. Jean Somers mentioned that the P&H Chair has stated that anyone that does not have a sticker on their car/trailer needs to park outside the boat ramp parking lot.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers  
Administrator